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SUBJ: FRENCH SOVIET TRADE (1977) AND FRENCH IMPORTS
OF USSR PETROLEUM (1978)

1. FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIAL PROVIDED
FOLLOWING FRENCH/SOVIET TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1977
(THOUSANDS OF FRANCS):
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| | 1976 | 1977 | CHANGE |
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| | | | PERCENTAGE |
| FRENCH IMPORTS | 4,386.3 | 5,680.1 | PLUS 29.5 |
| FRENCH EXPORTS | 5,312.0 | 7,348.6 | PLUS 38.3 |

TOTAL 9,698.3 13,028.7

EXPORT SURPLUS 925.7 1,668.5

2. FRENCH OFFICIAL ESTIMATED THAT IT IS LIKELY 7 TO 8 BILLION FRANCS WORTH OF CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED DURING 1978. THESE WILL INCLUDE MAJOR CONTRACTS WITH THE FRENCH FIRMS: PECHINEY (SIBERIAN ALUMINUM PLANT), RHONE POULENC, CREUSOT LOIRE (TUBING), LITWIN (CHEMISTRY), AND A COMBINED CONTRACT WITH TECHNIP-TELEDYNE (GAS-LIFT PETROLEUM EXPLOITATION).

3. PLANNED FRENCH IMPORTS OF SOVIET PETROLEUM IN 1978 ARE 6.5 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OF WHICH 1 MILLION TONS IS AN OPTIONAL CONTRACT SIGNED BY BP (FRANCE). BEYOND THIS 6.5 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE, 1.5 TO 2 MILLION TONS OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE UNDER OPTIONAL CONTRACT. (N.B.: STATE OF HARD-PRESSED DOMESTIC FRENCH REFINING INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS AVAILABILITY OF SOVIET SUPPLIES, WILL PROBABLY DETERMINE WHETHER THESE PRODUCT CONTRACT OPTIONS ARE PICKED UP.)

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